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## CAPE GIRARDEAU.

Cape Girardeau is the fastest growing city in Missouri primarily because of a recent appreciation of its advantages as a manufacturing center and the gateway for the Southeastern part of the State, and secondarily because of the eight counties in this corner of the state, bounded by the Arkansas line and the Mississippi river, are coming into their own as one of the most fertile spots in the United States. Intelligent handling of the drainage problem has changed these counties from, generally speaking, a swamp, to an ideal farming district.

Proof of the growth of Cape Girardeau is shown in the census figures. The gain in population between the census of 1890 and that of 1910 was 76 per cent. This gain was sufficient to raise the city from twenty-eighth place in Missouri's list of cities to fourteenth; and in manufacturing importance from twenty-second to eighth place.

## Old Town, But New City.

Cape Girardeau is an old town but a new city. It was the first Anglo-Saxon settlement west of the Mississippi River, and for a century it was content to be an ultra-conservative river town. Then with a revival of business came new ideas and new ways. And while some of the old houses remain and are cherished as landmarks, the chief part is composed of handsome modern homes and fine business buildings.

The old military corduroy roads have given way to paved streets and boulevards, miles of granitoid sidewalks stretch out in all directions, a fine sewer system and a modern fire department have been installed.

Some of the best mills and factories in the state are local industries, and these have given the city its high rank in the manufacturing statistics of the state.

The Cape is becoming famed as "The Marble City," because of the abundance of the most beautiful building stone and one of the sights always shown visitors is the quarry within a few rods of the handsome normal school buildings from which the stone was taken to erect those buildings.

Not only is the Cape blessed with building stone and raw materials for the making of cement and clay products, but its nearest to the forests and low freight rates on raw timber material into the city and on finished timber products in reshipment, give an advantage to manufacturing here. The low freight rates were obtained through an agreement between the city and the Frisco Railroad for the renewal of the railroad's franchise through the city. At the same time a coal rate of 60 cents into the city for 30 years was granted.

These advantages, coupled with the fact that the city is the natural gateway to eight fertile counties in Southeast Missouri, the population gain of which prevented Missouri's recent census from showing a loss, and that headquarters for several branches of the Frisco system are located here, are the causes for the steady growth of the city.

The Southeast Missouri network of Frisco branches center in Cape Girardeau and connection is made at various points with the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt railroads. The Cape Girardeau & Thebes railroad extends to the Thebes bridge. To the north, the Cape Girardeau & Chester Railroad taps the lead belt and granite quarries. And besides these railroads Cape Girardeau has the Mississippi River, and is planning a river front that will be the best between New Orleans and St. Paul. Sea walls are being constructed, the levee paved with stone and the

adjoining street with creosoted wood blocks.

Although this year has been the quietest of the last five, the city experienced a healthy growth. The Cape Portland Cement Co. has opened a factory. Heley's rock crushing plant has increased its facilities, box factories and those for manufacturing lawn furniture have been started, mills, factories, shops, brick yards and rock quarries have increased their output, schools have increased and the population has grown steadily. And this steady growth continues in prospect. The Martell Heater Plant of St. Louis recently has closed a contract to move its business here from St. Louis, two other St. Louis plants are here negotiating, a large coffin factory is seeking a location; a straw board plant is coming and there is room for many more.

## Land Of Plenty.

And the wonderfully rich country lying below the city produces corn, cotton, alfalfa, wheat, clover and watermelons in an abundance that taxes the railroads. Stories that sound like fiction are told of this region but farm account books verify them. Persons who have not visited the district since the installation of the drainage ditches can have no idea of the transformation. Farmers and farm experts who have not seen this county, which knows no drouths, can hardly believe that bumper corn crops were raised this year with not a drop of rain from planting time until the corn was in the tassel.

The explanation is that 600 miles of drainage ditches, dredged by the counties, have wrought this transformation and square miles of once swampy low lands have been converted into fertile farms.

And the work goes on. In Southeast Missouri the Little River drainage district is inaugurating what is believed here to be the biggest project of its kind in the world. The plan is to dredge 650 miles of ditch to drain 500,000 acres of rich alluvial land. The tract to be drained is 100 miles long, extending from Cape Girardeau to the Arkansas State line and from six to fourteen miles wide, extending west to the Ozark foothills and to Crowley's Ridge.

This drainage system, with its diversion channel along the north and to divert the water from Ozark mountain streams directly to the Mississippi River, has been promoted to do work impossible by individual counties. It will curb the floods of the mountain streams and check the inundations of the Mississippi River.

The eight counties in the district are being rapidly settled by progressive farmers, who use modern methods and employ knowledge gained by attending agricultural schools and conventions. Every town and village in the district is growing steadily and there is not a farmer in the eight counties whose home is more than five miles from the road. In each of these counties fine highways are being built of gravel and macadam. The streams are being crossed by steel bridges and concrete culverts, and thousands of automobile owners are urging on this movement.

Southeast Missouri is covered by a network of railroads. Rural mail routes and telephone systems reach everywhere and every town of sufficient size has an accredited high school, and the country district schools rank with the best in the nation.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

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## Cape Locals

F. T. Adams, a dentist, and Miss Beattie Snyder, a former student in the State Normal, were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Louis Tobler in this city Saturday.

Roy Babcock of Kansas, has taken up his duties as head of the agricultural department at the State Normal. He succeeds Cockefer, who has a situation in a Porto Rico government school.

Capt. G. E. Alt and family left Wednesday for a visit to relatives in England.

Ralph Armatrou of Malden was in the city this week.

Miss Pearl Phillips of Jonesboro, Ill., has been a visitor at the home of Mrs. Alonzo Gibson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Cain entertained at a house party Tuesday night in honor of relatives and a few special friends.

J. H. Himmelberger and family have returned from Logansport, Ind., after a several days visit with friends and relatives.

G. R. Turner of Bloomfield was in the city Tuesday.

Dr. Dalton and wife went to Sikeston Wednesday to visit relatives and friends.

R. E. Jones, county clerk of Stoddard county, was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Irene B. Williams of Columbia has been Miss Marguerite Oliver's guest several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Washburn of Chaffee have been guests of relatives in the city several days.

Jas. S. Mitchell spent Christmas with homefolks at Clinton, Ky.

Mrs. Don Parr spent a few days this week with her mother at Advance.

Mrs. Jennie Crowder of St. Louis has been in the city several days with friends and relatives.

Dr. Dave Tarleton of Arkansas has been in the city several days visiting old friends.

Joe Cunningham of Sikeston was in the city a few days this week.

Miss Maggie Ruebel of St. Louis was here during the holidays to see her mother and many friends.

Mrs. Stoker and small son of St. Louis are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Lee Holt.

A. C. Loremier and wife of St. Louis were in the city this week.

Ed. Lamprich of Charleston visited his parents here during the holidays.

Buford Martin spent Christmas in Cairo with his parents.

Otto Kochitzky, the Cape Girardeau capitalist, has purchased a land clearing machine and put it to work on a tract owned by him east of Malden.—New Madrid Record.

Vincent Dunker, the expert photographer, and family, spent the holidays at St. Genevieve.

E. G. Barrett and family of Kennett were in the city a few days this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. P. R. Smith and daughter of Neta have been visitors in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Anderson of Crane, Mo., have been spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. R. M. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Boss spent the holidays in Carbondale, Ill., where they visited relatives.

Clyde Robertson spent Christmas with his parents at Blodgett.

Chas. Boutin and wife returned Wednesday from St. Louis where they spent a few days with relatives.

Miss Florence O'Donoghue of St. Louis visited friends in this city several days this week.

A. H. Muehler and family spent the holidays in Fredericktown with relatives and friends.

Wilson Seibert of St. Louis was in the city this week.

Peter Hoeller of South Dakota is here visiting his son, Clem Hoeller.

## Girls of Other Days.

When mother was young and girlies felt sad, for solace to verse they would turn; one beautiful fountain of comfort they had, which soothed the most turbulent yearn. When mother felt morbid and downcast and punk, away to the garret she'd steal, and snuggle down close by an old leather trunk and read a few yards of "Lucile."—Success Magazine.

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